NEWS CONDENSED.

Telegraphic Summary)

EASTERN.

A strike of the iron-workers of Pittsburg on June I appears to be inevitable. A consultation took place between representatives of the manufacturers and the Amalgamated Association, and neither showed a nisposition to recede from the ground they had taken, the employers insisting that there should be a reduction of wages at the beginning of the labor-contract year, and the workmen protesting that they will not submit to the reduction. The conference adjourned without reaching an agreement.

An explosion of gas in a coal mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., killed two men. Many tombetones in an adjacent cemetery were overturned by the force of the explosion, which occurred 600 feet below the surface.

It is announced that the large distillery firm of George and Thomas Farthing, of Buffalo, is embarrassed, and it has involved many grain and liquor dealers of Buffalo and New York city.

Gov. Cleveland has signed the bill which practically repeals what are known as the "Sunday blue laws" of New York.

Gov. Butler has requested the State Board of Health of Massachusetts to remove Sanborn, its Secretary, who has not taken the oath of his office for several terms. The Governor says if Sanborn is retained he will allow no public moneys to be used under his direction.

Many counsel have expressed the opinion that the great Brooklyn bridge cannot be made free for any kind of travel.

A branch of O'Donovan Rossa's Irish Revolutionary League was organized in New York last week with a membership of one hundred. Dynamite is the rock upon which the society is built.

A new metal, discovered by a Boston metallurgist, has, it is claimed, special fitness for telegraph wires, having great conductivity and tenacity and being exempt from rust. It can be produced at a cost of about 5 cents a pound.

Gov. Sprague, the famous trotting stallion owned by J. L Case, of Racine, Wis., died last week at Lexington, Ky., of pinkeye. The animal's winnings on the turf last year amounted to \$10,0.0.

WESTERN.

Five inches of snow fell on the 1st of May, in the vicinity of Grand Forks, Dakota.

A policeman from Bloomington, Ill fell among thieves in Cincinnati, and lost \$1,600 in a gambling house. The disturbance he created in endeavoring to recover his money caused his arrest for disorderly conduct.

A train on the Detroit and Lansing road, near Howard City, Mich., struck a wagon on a crossing, killing two women and a man named Johnson, the team running away. The engineer could not see them on account of a deep cut.

Union City, Ind., forty-seven miles from Dayton, was visited by a great conflagration the other night, destroying the principal portion of the town. The loss is estimated at the heavy sum of \$250,000.

The State Auditor of Iowa has revoked the certificates of a number of mutual life insurance companies.

The corner stone of the colored Methodist Church, Terre Haute, Ind., was pulled out of the suilding the other night. and \$5 in coin and scrip and other contents The Apaches have been defeated in

an engagement with Mexican troops in Mexico, with the loss of twenty-seven killed and thirty-six prisoners. At Paw Paw, Mich., Charles L. Mun-

son, while sitting beside his affianced, Miss Rose Davy, pulled a revolver out of his pocket and blew his brains out. An estimate of the wheat crop of Wis-

consin, based upon reports from forty-nine of the sixty-four counties in the State, indicates an increase in the yield this year of 1,300,000 bushels as compared with last year.

A new trial has been refused in the Gougar-Mandler case which for so many weeks occupied the time of the Circuit Court at Lafayette, Ind. The case will prob ably be taken to the Supreme Court.

A Chamberlain (D. T.) dispatch says that the steamer W. J. Baker assed there with the Sioux Chief Sitting Bull and about 150 other Indians, the remainder of his once powerful band. They are going to the Grand river, and say they are going to be the land west of the Missouri, and asserts sembly. that he is the Big Chief.

SOUTHERN.

Paymaster Mason, of the United States army, was robbed of his valise, containing \$20,000, destined for paying the troops on the Rio Grande, as he was riding from Fort Worth to Big Springs, on the Texas Pacific railroad.

Great activity prevailed in the tobacco market at Petersburg, Va., on the 1st inst, and many million pounds were shipped. The sale of stamps brought in 833.812

In Franklin county, Miss., a colored man named Amos Bailey, who killed a farmer, was taken from the Sheriff's custody by an armed mob and hanged to a tree.

A St. Louis dispatch says that reports of the growing crops in Texas are unusually favorable. Wheat, though late, looks well, as does hay and corn. Cotton has not all been planted, but some is already up, and the stands are in good shape. The plant this year will be light because of the low prices and the scarcity of labor. The crop of millet will be large. The season is about twenty days late, but recent rains have given hopes of an abundant yield.

An explosion of gas in an oil-mill at Vicksburg, Miss., killed one person and fatally injured two others.

Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines has secured Orleans for \$1,925,667.

fever, against which it is proposed to quarantine. New Orleans continues its policy of infected ports, even though the result of such action is the withdrawal of regular

The bricklayers of Petersburg, Va., struck for \$3 per day, and their demand was mmediately granted

WASHINGTON.

During the past six months 132 national banks have been organized, with a capital of \$14,958,500.

Secretary Folger refuses to remove D. S. Alexander, Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, from the commission appointed to examine the charges against Supervising Architect Hill

Vice Admiral Rowen having been relieved at his own request from the post of Superintendent of the Naval Observatory, Commodore Shufeldt has been appointed to

The discovery of some dust-covered account books in the Treasury Department at Washington discloses the fact that in 1793 there was a balance of \$161,339 due the Government and unaccounted for by Gen. George Washington. The charitable explanation is suggested that the money was lost in war operations, and not in options on accounts \$1.831.67.

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Interest paid by United States.

Interest repaid by companies— 1,292,470 57,283,388 earnings. Balance of interest paid by United 655,198 Washington telegram: Secretary Teller says he does not intend to make any reply to the charges contained in Senator

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Available assets—
Bonds issued to Pacific railway com-panies, interest payable in lawful

Hill's letter, except in so far as they relate to his management of the affairs of the Interior Department. The Secretary specifically added in response to further inquiries: "The personal allusions of this letter I do not intend to dignify by an answer."

President Arthur has appointed William S. Woods District Judge for the Seventh district (Indiana), vice Walter Q. Gresham, appointed Postmaster General.

The Societies of the Armies of the James and the Potomac will hold a consolidated reunion at Washington May 16. Fare from all points will be reduced.

The British Minister, West, has requested the dismissal of Edward O'Meagher Condon from the Treasury Department at Washington for alleged incendiary utterances against England.

POLITICAL.

A prohibitory amendment was defeated in the Pennsylvania House by an overwhelming majority, but the Senate passed to third reading a bill to prohibit "treating."

Wilson, Republican, was given a certificate of election as representative in Congress for the Fifth district of Iowa upon an ostensible majority of twenty-four votes at the November election, Frederick, his Democratic opponent, claims to have discovered errors in the count of votes that will reverse the result and give him a margin of 100 votes or more.

A bill prohibiting dramas based on Holy Writ, in which Divinity is represented, passed the Pennsylvania Senate.

The Iowa Republican State Convention is called for June 11.

The Michigan House has defeated a measure making five years' insanity in one has been sentenced to imprisonment for of a married couple valid grounds for di- life.

The Republican State Convention of Pennsylvania has been called to meet at Harrisburg July 27.

The bill prohibiting the giving of free passes to any persons save railroad emwhite folks. He claims, however, to own all | ployes and officials passed the New York As-

BUSINESS FAILURES.

At Louisville, Ky., F. F. Lutie, brewer, has failed. Liabilities, \$30,000; assets, \$17,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It now stated that Gen. Raum resigned the Internal Revenue Commissionership to take charge of Lorillard's legal interests with regard to the collection of the tobacco tax rebate, which, it is alleged, will net him \$20,000 in one year. The championship games of the Base

Ball League began on the 1st of May. The Chicago Club, present champions, met the Detroit team and won, 7 to 4, and 7 to 4 was the score by which Cleveland beat Buffalo. The New York Club defeated the Boston combination 7 to 5, and Providence won, 4 to 3, over Philadelphia. The season of the American Association and the Northwestern League also began on the 1st inst. The clubs in all three of the organizations showed up in good form more skillful play being exhibited than at any opening in former seasons. The contests

timated at 15,000, Numerous labor strikes were inaugurated in various parts of the United houses and caused the death of a large num. States on the 1st of May the most note- ber of persons. worthy being that of the railroad coalanother judgment against the city of New | miners of the "Pan-Handle" district of the Pennsylvania railroad. Six thousand miners | the category of "suspects" are said to have

audiences, the crowd in New York being es_

the Lower Rio Grande in regard to yellow posed reduction of wages. In numerous instances cigar-makers who had been refused an advance of \$1 per thousand struck work. rigid exclusion of vessels from presumably At Lynn, Masa, there was a general strike of shoemakers.

Capt. Eads has received a dispatch from Tehuantepec that his ship railroad had been commenced with due ceremonies at Nuncatilla, on the Atlantic side of the isth-

The steamer Africa is supposed to have foundered. She left New York, March 27, for Leith and Hamburg.

A contract for the mprovement of the harbor of Vera Cruz has been let by the Mexican Government to a French company the cost of the work being estimated at \$10,047,000.

The breaking of a rope caused the fall of a cage in which some men were being hoisted out of a mine at New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, six of the miners being killed and four mortally injured.

The steamer Grappler, running between Puget Sound and Alaska, burned on the Pacific coast, and sixty lives are reported lost. The victims were mostly Chinamen, who became uncontrollable when the fire broke out, and jumped into the boats to their own destruction.

The directors of the Vanderbilt railreads-the New York Central, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, and Michigan Cencorn. Benedict Arnold was also short in his tral-have just elected officers. The position of Chairman of the board was created in each instance, the incumbent to have general supervisory control. Cornelius Vanderbilt was chosen Chairman of the boards of the New York Central and Michigan Central, and William K. Vanderbilt of the Lake Shore, the latter retaining the Presidency of he Nickel-Plate, William H. Vanderbilt retiring from the presidency of the several roads James H. Rutter was made President of the New York Central, obn Newell of the Lake Shore, and H. B. edvard of the Michigan Central. The senior Vanderbilt thus relieves himself of the active management of the three railroad companies (although still a member of the Directories), the task devolving upon his two

> Business failures for the week ending the 4th inst. numbered 132, a decrease of thirty-six more than in the corresponding week of 1882.

Moody and Sankey, the revivalists, arrived in New York last week from Europe. The Rev. Josiah Henson, who is said to have been the original of Harriet Beecher

Stowe's Uncle Tom, died the other day at

Dresden, Ontario, at the age of 94 years.

Thomas Brennan, honorary Secretary of the Irish National League, has been empowered by the Council of the American League to organize branches in the United the principal cities.

FOREIGN.

Fitzharris, the cab-driver, known as Skin the Goat," was acquitted at Dublin of participation in the Phoenix Park murders Another charge is pending against him of conspiracy to murder.

Importers of pork products at Hamburg write to parties at New York that biased and sensational publications in the United States are entirely responsible for the German Government's course in prohibiting the importation of American pork.

Indictments for murder were found at Dublin against John Walsh, who recently arrived in this country from France; P. J. Sheridan, of the Irish Nation, New York, and Peter Tynan, commonly known as No. 1, who is supposed to be in the United States. It is expected a demand will speedily be made upon this Government for the extradition of these men, who are alleged to have been the head of the conspiracy that resulted in the Phoenix Park murders a year ago. A number of other indictments were returned against persons charged with murder or conspiracy in Ireland.

Dr. Gallagher, Bernard Gallagher, Wilson Curtin, Ansburg, Whitehead and Dalton, the seven men charged with treasonfelony and connection with the dynamite conspiracy, were again arraigned in the Bow Street Court, London, on the 3d inst. The time of the session was occupied by the reading of the evidence taken at the previous hearings, at the conclusion of which the tate

prisoners were remanded for another week. The Czar's coronation will be marked by a great reduction of the poll-tax and remission of fines, sentences and penalties.

Lawrence Hanlon, convicted at Dublin of the attempted murder of Juror Field,

Charles Bradlaugh, who has been prevented from taking the oath as a member of the British House of Commons for Northampton, because of his atheistic principles, appeared at the bar of the House again to take the oath, demanding, in the name of law, that it be administered, the Affirmation bill having been defeated. A motion by Sir Stafford Northcote, that Bradlaugh be precluded from going through the form, was adopted-271 to 165-Mr. Gladstone voting with the minority.

Advices from Calcutta state that s terrible earthquake has occurred at Tabreez, the capital of one of the provinces of North ern Persia.

The discovery at Cronstadt, Russia, of a manufactory of explosives caused the arrest of many naval officers, alleged to be interested in the illegal work.

The Papal Secretary of State demands an explanation of Cardinal McCloskey for receiving Alexander Sullivan, President of the Irish National League.

Advices from the Congo country are to the effect that a French gunboat visited the station of the International Association hauled down the association banner and hoisted the French flag. It is believed that the effect of this action will be an armed conflict between Henry M. Strnley, the explorer, and De Brazza, who represents France in Central Africa

Judge Richard Deasy, of the Irish Court of Appeals, and Louis Viardot, the were witnessed in most instances by large | French author, are dead.

A dispatch from Tabreez, Persia, re ports that that city has been visited by an earthquake, which destroyed a great many

Two hundred persons who have reason to believe themselves to be included in Considerable apprehension is felt on quit work rather than submit to the pro- left Dublin since the beginning of the sec-

ond private inquiry into the murder con-

An important bill has been introduced on the French Chambers by M. Tirard, the Minister of Finance, which will have the effect of lifting the Government out of its Enancial difficulties. It proposes to convert the 5 per cent rentes into 414 per centa France has been paying 5 per cent. on a debt of \$1,400,000,000, which was borrowed twelve years ago to pay the German war indemnity. The credit of the country is now se good that it can borrow at 4 and even 3

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

The Supreme Court of the United States has rendered a decision in the case against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, known as the Ruggles suit, the gist of the decision being that the State of Illinois has a right to fix maximum charges for the conveyance of freight and passengers.

The millers won two notable victories in the Supreme Court, the Deuchfield and Downton paient suits having been decided in favor of the defendants. The royalty sought to be recovered under the Deuchfield patent for cooling and drying meal amounted to \$1,000,000, while the Downton patent for manufacturing middling flour was estimated to be worth \$3,000,000.

The Supreme Court denied the petition for a rehearing of the Louisiana and Virginia bond cases

Official dispatches received by the Board of Agriculture give the following as the total probabilities (that is, acreage and condition combined) for winter and spring wheat in the following States: Kansas, 96; Minnesota, 76; Indiana, 70; Iowa, about 80; California, 87; Michigan, 64; Ohio, 58; Illinois, April estimate, 66. From the above and other data Secretary Chamberlain, of Ohio. estimates a probable total shortage of 100,-000,000 bushels from the last crop of 500, 000,000 bushels.

The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia has received a letter cautioning him against two vessels said to have sailed from Boston to Halifax, manned by Fenians and carrying a large quantity of torpedoes with the intention of avenging upon the Nova lifty-four from the preceding week, but Scotians the execution of Brady, the condemned Phoenix Park assassin. Precautions have been taken to guard against the menac-

In the trial of Kelley, at Dublin, James Carey, the informer, swore that every one of the Invincibles, with the exception of Joe Brady, had offered to turn informer. Carey said he was the last man who offered to testify against the prisoners.

Instead of the pensions which it was proposed to bestow upon Gen. Wolseley and Admiral Seymour, payable also to their heirs States. He will deliver a series of lectures in after the death of the pensioners, it has been decided by the British Government to give each a large sum of money in one payment, the amount of which has not yet been determined.

> The London Times, in referring to the vote by which the Affirmation bill was defeated, says: "The authority and power of the Government have received a shock This, without doubt, the Ministers will recognize themselves. The spell of their suc. cess is broken."

An attachment taken by the Government upon property of Capt. Howgate. the embezzling officer of the signal service. has been adjudged void because of the negligence of the Government attorneys in fail. ing to have the attachment recorded.

The motion for a new trial of the libel suit of Dr. McLean against the Detroit Evening News, in which the plaintiff was awarded \$20,000 damages, has been denied.

The Chicago City Council put an end to all hope of the adoption of an underground telegraph system in that city by passing the ordinance allowing the District Telegraph Company to erect iron poles and string cables upon them. The ordinance went through by a vote of 20 to 11.

The wife of Senator James G. Fair, of Nevada, has begun suit for divorce on the ground of adultery on the part of the Senator. It is the common belief on the Comstock that Fair will not fight the suit, but that it has been arranged that a decree shall be granted, the plaintiff to receive \$3,000,000 in cash and \$1,500,000 in real es-

John Callahan filled his 3-year-old boy full of whisky at Woburn, Mass., and, when the child refused to drink more, the father threw it in his face. The little fellow died in convulsions.

THE MARKET. NEW YORK.

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SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Two of the Phœnix Park Assassins Plead Guilty.

Both of Them Sentenced to Be Hanged on June 2.

Patrick Delaney and Thomas Caffrey, two more of the men charged with participation in the murder of Cavendish and Burke, were arraigned for trial at Dublin on the 2d inst. They created a sensation in the court-room by pleading guilty to the charge against them. Both were sentenced to be hanged on the 2d of June. Before Caffrey had pleaded guilty he was informed by his solicitors that the crown gave no hopes of mitigation of the sentence of death which would be passed upon him. When Delaney was called upon to plead he said: "I am guilty of being in the park at the time Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke were killed, but I did not commit the murder. I plead guilty."

The Judge explained to him that this really amounted to the plea of innocence. Delaney then formally pleaded guilty. He said, "I was brought into this at first foolishly, not knowing what it was I was forced from my work to go the park. We had to obey the orders of the society or take the consequences. When I got in the park I could not get away. I saw the murders Both were sentenced to be hanged on the 2d

I could not get away. I saw the murders committed, but I took no part in them. I went to the park on Kavanagh's car. He speaks the truth; so does Carey. The murders were committed by Joe Brady and murders were committed by Joe Brady and Timothy Keliy, and by nobody else. I saved Judge Lamson's life at the risk of my own. I was put on to shoot him by Mullett and Brady. The only way to escape the task was by calling the guard's attention. Judge O'Erien, in passing sentence on Delaney, said he had a duty to perform. He had at the previous trial of a prisoner for attempting to shoot Judge Lamson pitied him because he showed some feeling for his wife and family. The prisoner would see to what misery they had been brought by the wicked system of conspiracy. system of conspiracy.
When Caffrey was placed in the dock his

face wore a smile. The consequence of pleading guilty was again fully explained to him in open court, but he persisted in his plea. On being asked whether he had anything to say why sentence should not now be passed upon him, Caffrey replied, in a loud, clear voice:

"All I have got to say, standing on the brink of the grave, is that I did not know what was going to happen until twenty min-utes before the murders were committed. I was bound to go to the park under pain of death." The Judge, in passing sentence, said that there were no means of judging the truth of the prisoner's statement. He did not decide that it was necessarily wholly

Thirteen of the prisoners who have been confined in Kilmainham jail charged with having been connected with the Cavendish-Burke tragedy in Phoenix Park, who have never been brought to trial on that charge, says a Dublin disparch, have been indicted and will be tried for another crime. One of their number, Joseph Hanion, has turned informer, and produces evidence to connect with the conspiracies set on foot to murder Earl Cowper, Mr. Forster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and other prominent officials, whose lives they jeopardized but did not succeed in taking. The Government regards the evidence sufficient to convict on the charge of conspiracy, while the men can-not be closely connected with the Phoenix Park association.

SOME OF THE VETERANS.

MOULTONDOROUGH, N. H., boasts of a widow 90 years old who never took any doctor's metticine.

ELISHA DUEDEN, of Walton county, Georgia, is said to be 102 years old. He picked a baie of cotton in his centennial year. A NEGRO Woman recently died in Washington county, Ark, at the age of 112 years. Strange to say, she was not one of G. W.'s

servants, but distinctly remembered having seen the hero of the hatchet affair. MRS. MARTHA J. RODGERS, a 60-year-old widow, of Shelby county, Ky., has pieced a diamend quilt which contains 1,686 pieces, a double sunflower quilt containing 2,000 eces and a hexigon quilt containing 1,400

HAGERSTOWN, Md., claims the oldest workingman in that State, if not in the Union, Robert Lewis, who is in the 15th year of his age, has just completed the mason work of a distern at a residence in that city, doing the work in a thorough manner. He is in vigorous health and bids fair to continue his labors for years to come,

A rew weeks since an old woman, upward of 10 years of age, died at a place called Eg-linton, near Londonderry, Ireland. The usual arrangements for a funeral were made, including a wake. The coffin was closed and taken to the place of interment, where the service was duly gone through, the coffin lowered and the grave filled in. On returning home, however, the relatives were amazed to find the corpse of the old woman lying upon the bed upon which she had expired. They had simply forgetten to put her in the coffin. They took her to the grave in a cart, dug up the empty coffin, placed her in it, and eventually had her securely planted

NATURAL HISTORY.

THE canvas-back duck is domesticating itself in the inland lakes of Iowa, and become ing quite plenty.

A PELICAN was killed near Batesville Miss., which measured eight feet eight inches from tip to tip of wing. As a careless New Haven horse was goin up to the watering-trough he stepped on setter-dog's tail as that animal was enjoyin a snooze. The dog jumped up with a how and sprang into the basin, just as the thirst horse stuck his heated nostrils into the water, and floundered about so that the equine could not drink. The dog stopped three times, just long enough to let him try to drink, but each time sout him off by doundering about. The horse gave it up in

disgust, and the dog hopped out, seemingly satisfied with his revenge PAUL DU CHAILLU could hardly rake up a better panther story than the following from the Palatka (Fla.) Herald: "On Sunday last three colored men were out deer hinting near White's log camp, back of Rollston One of them was at his stand. The dogs were heard coming in that direction. Soon there was a terr.ble commotion in the bushes, the was a terr.ble commotion in the bushes, the sound coming toward him. The darky, thinking it was a deer, stepped so as to get a fair shot, when suddenly a tremendous panther confronted him. Hearing a noise behind he looked round and, to his surprise and horror, saw another in a tree, which he fired at and killed just as it was in the act of springing upon him. The other immediately escaped, much, as the darky says, to his de-light. The one he killed measured seven feet, and the negro estimates the male to be twice as large."

ROME Sentinel: Henry Fish, of Lee Center, who has lately come from Lone Rock, Wia, says: "Andrew Harter, of Lone Rock, went out on a rocky part of his farm one day last spring, and, while looking around, saw the head of a rattlesnake protruding from a crevice in the rock. Taking in the general surroundings, he concluded that it must be a regular den of rattlesnakes, so he built a pen about ten feet source and three feet. pen about ten feet square and three feet high about the place and awaited results. The pen was watched, and with a wire snare something like a fish snare seventy-nine snakes, varying in length from 18 inches to snakes, varying in length from 18 inches to six feet, were, during the summer, landed in a barrel placed inside the inclosure. Four of the largest were placed in the barrel on Decoration Day, and in November they were still alive. As they had been placed in the barrel as soon as they left their winter quarters, they had lived a whole year without anything to eat. As the snakes had not thawed out this spring when Mr. Fish left, it was not known whether they were still alive or not.

New Sam Trained His Wife.

In a Boston restaurant sat a man from

Cambridge, who was a native of New Hampshire. Meeting an old acquaint-ance from that indefinite section known as "down East," the conversation soon turned on family topics, and the pair began to talk about their former neighbors in a most familiar way. "Yes," remarked the Cambridge gentleman "Sam was in many respects different from the rest of the boys. You remember who he married? Well, when the old man, his father, found that he was shinin' round with her, he called him one day in the barn and said : 'Sam, d'ye intend to marry Beckie?' Sam never said a word, so the old man said : 'Me boy, ye know all about them. I can't tell you nothin'. Ye know how the sisters has turned out, and not one of them is now livin' with their husbands.' Sam was as mum as a pantomime, and, just as soon as he was ready, him and Beckie got tied. They lived on a farm, and everything went on smooth for about a year, and it came to a hog butcherin' time. Sam got ready to have the usual party for the occasion, and, just as he was sharpenin' up the knives, Beckie came out and said: 'Sam, I'm goin' home.' Sam protested in his quiet way, but it was no use, so he said he'd get a man to row her across the pond. It was about half a mile over. She said: 'No, ye won't; ye'll row me over yerself!' Sam told her he couldn't, and Beckie fired up and said: 'Then I'll drown myself.' Sam said he'd go with her if she wanted to do that, so the boat was got ready, she got in, and they rowed out till the water was twenty feet deep. Then Sam stopped and said: 'Well, Beckie, this is a good place for ye to drown yerself!' She didn't open her mouth. He waited awhile and then said: 'Come Beckie, I'm in a hurry to get back.' She never looked up. Sam put down the oars, caught hold of her and pitched her in. She grabbed for the boat, but he wouldn't let her get near it. When she was almost done out she said: 'Sam let me in that boat and ye'll not hear anything more from me out o' the way,' So he pulled her in and they went back home. She changed her clothes and entertained the guests. They're now nearly 80, and you never saw a happier old coupledid you? I don't think they ever spoke of that duckin' since the day she was goin' to drown herself."

Judges of Whisky.

One day Senator Beck and ex-Gov. Magoffin visited Maj. Daviess, near Harrodsburg, and the Major brought out some prize whisky. Beck sampled it straight first, then sought for its merit in a toddy, and again tried it with a little ice and mint added. Meanwhile the Governor sipped it in the shape of grog. They would agree in regard to only one point, that the liquor was good, in fact, very superior liquor. The Senator pronounced it McBraver, the Governor insisted that it was the D. L. Moore (known as the Cold Water) brand. The Senator said it was fully 9 ears old, the Governor limited it to 6. The Senator imagined it tasted just a little of iron, while the Governor thought if there was any foreign flavor it was that of leather. At this point the host observed: "Gentlemen, there's only a gallon left in the barrel; there was nearly three when you came; I will have it brought up and opened and let you see for yourself there is no adulter-

ation in my whisky." The barrel was brought up and the head knocked out, and after straining the remnant of whisky there was found in the dregs of charcoal a small iron

key, with a leather string tied to it. The Major exclaimed again: "By George, gentlemen, you are the best judges of liquor in the world. There's a key proving there was iron in it, and leather showing Magoffin was right, and as for the brand, you see it is a D. L. Moore barrel, but I recently poured a five-gallon jug of seven-year-old Mc-Brayer into it, so you are both right, gentlemen, in every particular, except in regard to its age, and you didn't miss that very far. Let's smile again." And they smiled sgain .- Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Vegetarian's Experience.

A vegetarian reports to the British Medical Journal the result of his year's experience without meat. At first he found the vegetables insipid, and had to use sauces and pickles to get them down. As soon as he became accustomed to the diet all condiments were set aside except a little salt. The desire for tobacco and alcohol left him spontaneously. Then all his digestive functions became regular, and he found himself wholly free from headaches and bilious attacks. After three months a troublesome rheumatism left him, and at the end of a year he had gained eight pounds in weight. He believes he can do more mental labor than before, and that all his senses are more acute. For breakfast he has brown bread, apples and coffee; dinner consists of two vegetables, brown bread, and pie or pudding; for tea he rejoices in bread and jam, with milk and water, and for supper, bread, jam, cold pudding, and, as a luxury, boiled onions, Eggs, milk, butter and cheese are used only in very small quantities. The dietist is a doctor, and his statement is drawing out many similar ones from medical men.

Knew All About It.

A colored man was hanging around the Opera House the other evening in a manner to show that he was deeply interested in what was going on inside, and a gentleman finally said to him: "Why don't you go in? Under the

Civil Rights bill, you can take a seat in the parquette circle.' "Yes, sah, I knows all bout dat. sah," was the reply. "Under de Cibil Rights bill I ken take any seat in de house, but under the present strain

on my finances I couldn't buy twoshingles if hull opera houses war sellin' for ten cents apiece, sah!"-Free Press.

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